

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-26 are amended herein. For the Examiner's convenience, and in accordance with the revised amendment format of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a complete listing of the claims is set forth below with the corresponding status indicated for each claim.

01. 1. (Currently Amended) A ~~method for~~ raster image processing (RIP), ~~using an RIP printer software application installed~~ adapted for use on a networked computer, ~~said RIP application coupled to a plurality of networked printers, the software application adaptable to coordinate with a plurality of other component printer software applications associated with one or more printers, and said RIP application having at least one filter, comprising the steps of~~ adapted to:

~~selecting said RIP application to~~ receive a print a job;
~~sending said job to said RIP application;~~
~~said filter parsing said~~ parse the print job into one or more print pieces; and
load balance the print pieces among the printers based on color use and print speed; and ~~forwarding said print pieces to said one or more designated printers~~
provide a list of the printers that received the print pieces.

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